

Amendment 3 for RFQ-DC-03-00240
Category 8 – Advanced Air Sampling
Revised Due Date, Additional Clauses, Additional Information Under 12(b),
Questions and Answers and Administrative Change

Note to Offerors: The purpose of this amendment is to revise the due date from 06/20/03 to 06/26/03. Two new clauses have been added to the RFQ. Please see the clauses section of RFQ-DC-03-00240 to view the clauses entitled, Delivery Schedule and Receipt of Technical Questions. Additional information, under section 12(b), has been added to the RFQ to clarify that Line Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 must be provided from the same manufacturer. Question #4 amends RFQ line item one (1) accessories; please refer to the amended RFQ-DC-03-00240 to review the change. Question #5 amends RFQ line item two (2) minimum specifications; please refer to the amended RFQ-DC-03-00240 to review the change. An administrative change, to amend the section 5b of the RFQ, has been added to change the contact information for this RFQ. This amendment also clarifies that the previous document posted on 06/17/03 Questions and Answers constitutes Amendment 2, and the document posted on 06/12/03 is Amendment 1. All have been incorporated into the RFQ.

- 1) **Question:** Are the four Thermo Anderson line items sole source to Thermo ONLY?

Answer: No, the RFQ states that the line items are Thermo Anderson OR Equivalent.

- 2) **Question:** Is this award all or none, or can it be awarded item by item?

Award: This is not all or none, quotes may be submitted and awarded per each line item identified in the RFQ.

- 3) **Question:** Does the EPA want only a Thermo Anderson pump or the complete High Volume Sampler?

Answer: The Thermo Anderson Pump is a complete high volume sampler. The RFQ specifies Thermo Anderson or Equivalent. Therefore, the EPA requires a high volume sampler that is equivalent to the Thermo Anderson Pump sampler.

- 4) **Question:** For line item 1, how many battery packs are required for each pump?

Answer: One extra battery pack per sampler. **The RFQ has been amended to reflect this change.**

- 5) **Question:** Under minimum specifications what is included in etc...? Does that mean that with each complete High Volume sampler there would be a complete calibration kit, and brushes, and manometers?

Answer: Each High Volume sampler needs to contain all of the necessary parts to perform calibration of the proposed unit, for example manometers, VARI-FLOW calibration kit, and brushes. **The RFQ has been amended to reflect this change.**

- 6) **Question:** 4A and 4D contradict each other. Which is need, the Volumetric Flow Controller or Mass Controlled system?

Answer: The High Volume Sampler is to have the Volumetric Flow Controller.

- 7) **Question:** PM 10 Air Sampler: Normally these come with 7-day timers and continuous flow recorder. Are these required for these systems?

Answer: If the PM10 Air Sampler normally comes with the 7-day timer and the continuous flow recorder, that is acceptable, however, the EPA requires the Volumetric Flow Controller in addition.

- 8) **Question:** This will be bought over a 5-year period, but the RFQ states delivery by 07/01/2003. Please clarify.

Answer: Items will be ordered on an as needed basis. The BPA will cover a period beginning with an estimated award date of July 1, 2003 through 5-years. A delivery date of two weeks will be required from the date of each individual order against the BPA. **The RFQ has been amended to reflect this change.**

- 9) **Question:** Referring to the question #1 posted on June 17, 2003, TSP, PM10, and PM2.5 are suggested as interchangeable samplers. The answer implies that EPA is looking for PM2.5 also. PM2.5 is not stated anywhere in the specification. Is it required?

Answer: Each of the four Thermo Anderson or Equivalent Air Samplers need to have interchangeable heads within each line item, as well as between the four line items, but the EPA does not require the PM2.5 head.

- 10) **Question:** Referring to questions #2 and #3 posted on June 17, 2003, the wind speed and wind direction measurement capability are not mentioned in the RFQ, are these requirements?

Answer: No, these are not required. If a proposed unit includes the above that is acceptable but not required.